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REFS: A. [REDACTED] 9453

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1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION, PASSED IN RESPONSE TO REF A, IS  
RESTRICTED TO BACKGROUND USE ONLY FOR [REDACTED] AMBASSADOR AND

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[REDACTED] INFORMATION IS  
PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF THE TWO BLACK SHIELD MISSIONS FLOWN  
SINCE THOSE REPORTED REF B.

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2. SUMMARY: BLACK SHIELD MISSIONS 6725 AND 6727--FLOWN ON  
[REDACTED] MADE A TOTAL OF THREE PASSES OVER NORTH VIETNAM  
NORTH OF THE PANHANDLE. CLEAR PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE WAS OBTAINED  
OF OVER 40 PERCENT OF THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING THE IMPORTANT HANOI,  
HAIPHONG, AND THAI NGUYEN AREAS, AND THE KEY PINGHSIANG AND DONG  
LANG TRANSHIPMENT POINTS IN THE CHINA-DRV BORDER AREA. ALL OF

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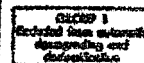
NORTH VIETNAM'S SIX PRINCIPAL AIRFIELDS, TWO-THIRDS OF THE  
SA-2 SITES AND NEARLY ALL OF THE RAILROAD NETWORK NORTH OF THE  
PANHANDLE WERE PHOTOGRAPHED. NO EVIDENCE OF SURFACE-TO-SURFACE  
MISSILE DEPLOYMENT WAS NOTED.

3. ORDER OF BATTLE INFORMATION: ALL OF NORTH VIETNAM'S  
SIX PRINCIPAL AIRFIELDS WERE COVERED BY THE 4 OCTOBER MISSION.  
THREE WERE OCCUPIED BY FIGHTER AIRCRAFT. AT PHUC YEN AIRFIELD,  
EIGHT MIG-21s AND 10-11 MIG-15/17s WERE IN EVIDENCE. AT HANOI/GIA  
LAM AIRFIELD, FIVE MIG-17s AND THREE PROBABLE UMIG-15 TRAINERS WERE  
IDENTIFIED. AT KEP AIRFIELD, TWO SERVICEABLE MIG 15/17s WERE SIGHTED.  
THE AIR ORDER OF BATTLE EVIDENT ON THIS MISSION IS ESSENTIALLY IN  
ACCORD WITH THE CURRENT ESTIMATE OF NINE MIG-21s AND 17 MIG-17s  
OPERATIONAL IN THE DRV, BASED ON PRIOR PHOTOGRAPHY AND COMMUNICATIONS  
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4. ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR OF SOME 220 SA-2 SITES IN NORTH VIETNAM WERE PHOTOGRAPHED BY THE 4 OCTOBER MISSION. ONE NEW, BUT UNOCCUPIED, SITE WAS DETECTED. EIGHTEEN OF THE PHOTOGRAPHED SITES WERE OCCUPIED, 114 UNOCCUPIED AND, AT 12, OCCUPANCY COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. ONLY NINE SITES WERE PHOTOGRAPHED BY THE 6 OCTOBER MISSION.

5. NAVAL VESSELS WERE PHOTOGRAPHED AT BOTH HANOI AND HAIPHONG BY THE 4 OCTOBER MISSION. THREE SHANGHAI-CLASS PATROL BOATS AND 11 PROBABLE SWATOW-CLASS MOTOR GUNBOATS WERE IN EVIDENCE AT THE CAPITAL. AT HAIPHONG, TWO SO-1 CLASS SUBCHASERS, ONE SWATOW-CLASS MOTOR GUNBOAT, AND EIGHT MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS--SIX OF THE P-6 CLASS AND TWO OF THE P-4 CLASS--WERE OBSERVED.

6. LAND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM: THE MISSIONS COVERED 100 PERCENT OF THE PINGHSIANG--HANOI, HAIPHONG-HANOI, AND KEP-THAI HANOI RAIL LINE, 60 PERCENT OF THE LAO CAI-HANOI RAIL LINE, 10 PERCENT OF THE HANOI-DONG HOI RAIL LINE. THE 6 OCTOBER MISSION OBSERVED A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF ACTIVITY IN THE VICINITY OF THE

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TRANSHIPMENT POINTS AT PINGHSIANG, CHINA, AND NEARBY DONG DANG IN NORTH VIETNAM. A FINAL COUNT OF THE ROLLING STOCK AND VEHICLES IN THESE AREAS IS STILL IN PROCESS. THE NUMBER OF TRUCKS IN AND NEAR THE DONG DANG RAIL YARD IS HIGH, HOWEVER, AND A PRELIMINARY COUNT OF THE RAIL CARS AT PINGHSIANG SHOWS 384--ONE OF THE LARGEST COUNTS EVER OBSERVED THERE. ARMORED VEHICLES ON FLATCARS WERE OBSERVED FOR THE FIRST TIME AT PINGHSIANG. FIFTEEN PROBABLE TANKS AND 25 POSSIBLE TANK/ASSAULT GUNS--ALL CANVAS-COVERED--WERE SEEN. PRIOR TO THIS, THE COMBAT EQUIPMENT NOTED AT PINGHSIANG HAS BEEN LIMITED TO FIELD ARTILLERY AND AA GUNS.

END OF MESSAGE

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